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Dear Trial Attorney Hesse:

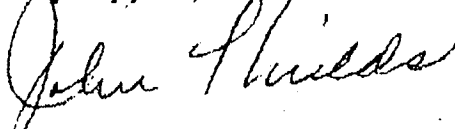
I am submitting my comments to support the settlement in *U.S. vs. Microsoft Corporation*, because the settlement has answered all of the significant issues which have survived the court process so far. While there are those who oppose this settlement, it would be senseless to turn it away. I understand that it has taken the Justice Department four years and about \$40 million to reach this point. It is time for this case to be allowed to come to a conclusion.

No doubt, Microsoft's competitors will continue seeking any means to gain an advantage over Microsoft inside the marketplace and outside the marketplace. Bringing issues to court is an appropriate action when there are significant issues to be answered.

I think this case has answered these issues, and now it is time for the case to be ended. A decision to not accept the settlement, I believe, would be perceived as an invitation to a fishing expedition which will not serve justice for Microsoft or any other company which is involved in the creation and marketing of new software technologies.

I appreciate your attention to my remarks.

Very truly yours,



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